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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 DACCA 4998

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, BG, UN  
SUBJECT: BANGLADESH DELEGATION TO UNGA

1. MFA HAS CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP OF BANGLADESH UNGA DELEGATION AS GIVEN BELOW. AMBASSADOR KAISER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WILL BE INCLUDED, WITH THE AMBASSADOR PROBABLY TAKING THE LEADERSHIP TOWARD THE END OF THE SESSION.

2. QUESTION WHICH HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED (AND WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE DEPARTMENT) IS WHETHER PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN WILL ALSO ATTEND A PORTION OF THE SESSION.

3. OFFICIAL MEMBERS

A. PROFESSOR (MOHAMMAD) SHAMSUL HUQ, ADVISOR TO THE PRESIDENT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SURROGATE FOREIGN MINISTER). HUQ WILL ATTEND THE EARLIER PART OF THE SESSION BUT WILL TURN OVER LEADERSHIP TO THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AT A POINT NOT YET DETERMINED. BIOGRAPHIC DATA AND APPRAISAL ARE CONTAINED IN DACCA 1602 AND DACCA A-58. HIS CAREER HAS BEEN PRIMARILY IN EDUCATIONAL  
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ADMINISTRATION INCLUDING SEVERAL SHORT TERMS WITH INTER8 NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. HE WAS MINISTER OF EDUCATION IN TJX YAHYA KHAN GOVERNMENT IN PAKISTAN. HUQ IS QUIETLY COMPETENT AND FRIENDLY. HE SHOULD BE A USEFUL CONTACT FOR USUN.

B. ZABARAK HUSAIN, FOREIGN SECRETARY (I.E., RANKING CAREER OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY). BIOGRAPHIC

DATA IN DACCA 5640. HUSAIN (GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS "TABARAK") ENTERED THE PAKISTAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1949. IN THE EARLY SIXTIES HE WAS POSTED IN NEW DELHI WHERE HE WAS FRIENDLY TO AND IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A NUMBER OF AMERICAN OFFICERS STATIONED THERE AND HAS RETAINED THESE RELATIONSHIPS. HE HAS BEEN FOREIGN SECRETARY SINCE NOVEMBER, 1975. HE, TOO, IS QUIET, BUT TALKS MORE FREELY IN SMALLER CONVERSATIONS WHEN RAPPORT IS ESTABLISHED. HE ALSO SHOULD BE A VALUABLE POINT OF CONTACT FOR USUN.

C. ANWAR KARIM CHOUDHURY, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MFA. A YOUNGER OFFICER, KARIM HAS BEEN POSTED IN WASHINGTON, KNOWS THE ROPES THERE, AND HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN HIS POSITION ON A LOWER RUNG IN DACCA.

#### 4. UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS

A. ROUNAQ JAHAN. SHE IS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT DACCA UNIVERSITY AND WIDELY TRAVELLED IN THE UNITED STATES WHERE SHE HAS A BROTHER AND TWO SISTERS LIVING (ANOTHER SISTER IS MARRIED TO DR. MUZAFFAR AHMAD, PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR FOR TEXTILES). ROUNAQ RECEIVED A PH.D. FROM HARVARD AND HAS HAD RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AT COLUMBIA AND CHICAGO. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF A BOOK ON THE DISINTEGRATION OF PAKISTAN AND IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR DIRECTED A REGIONAL SEMINAR ON WOMEN  
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IN DEVELOPMENT FUNDED BY THE FORD FOUNDATION. SHE EXPECTS TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE, ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT SHE WILL SPEND MUCH OF HER TIME IN NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE PURSUING HER OWN ACADEMIC VENTURES.

B. TAHERUL ISLAM. PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, DACCA UNIVERSITY, HE IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF ITS BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH. AFTER A PH.D. FROM LONDON, HE ENTERED THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF EAST PAKISTAN AND JOINED THE UNIVERSITY IN 1969. HE IS CONSIDERED A COMPETENT ECONOMIST BUT FAR FROM THE BEST AMONG BANGLADESHIS.

C. MOHAMMAD YUNUS. PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, CHITTAGONG UNIVERSITY. WENT TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE EARLY SIXTIES TO TAKE A PH.D. FROM VANDERBILT, BUT REMAINED THERE NOT RETURNING TO BANGLADESH UNTIL AFTER INDEPENDENCE, IN 1972. CONCERNED PRINCIPALLY WITH RURAL ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT.

D. A.N. SHAMSUL HOQUE (BASICALLY SAME NAME AS ADVISOR, BUT WITH DIFFERENT SPELLING OF LAST ELEMENT). PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY

OF ARTS, RAJSHAHI UNIVERSITY. PH.D. FROM DUKE. NOMINATED FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANT; SEE BIOGRAPHIC DATA

DACCA #265. SPECIALIZED IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.

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IN THE UNIVERSITY HAS DEVOTED MUCH OF HIS TIME TO  
ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION (AND FACULTY POLITICS) AND HAS  
NOT BEEN TEACHING, RESEARCH OR PUBLICATION ORIENTED.

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E. MOUDUD AHMAD. LAWYER (LINCOLN'S INN) INTERESTED  
PARTICULARLY IN CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES. HE WAS AMONG THE  
TEAM WHO DEFENDED SHEIKH MUJIBUR RAHMAN IN THE AGARTALA  
CONSPIRACY CASE AND HAS TAKEN A WIDE RANGE OF SIMILAR  
CASES. HE HAS ALSO BEEN INVOLVED IN LOCAL POLITICS AND  
WAS ARRESTED TOWARD THE END OF THE MUJIB REGIME. BIO-  
GRAPHIC DATA IN 74 DACCA 1704, WHEN HE WAS NOMINATED FOR  
AN IV GRANT. HE HAS A SHORT TEMPER AND DISPLAYED THIS  
DURING THE TOUR IN THE UNITED STATES LEADING ONE OFFICER  
CONCERNED TO NOTE "AHMAD'S EGO WAS JUST TOO BIG FOR  
THE PROGRAM". THIS APPRAISAL HAS BEEN BOTH  
SHARED AND CONTROVERTED BY MORE RECENT MEMBERS OF  
THE MISSION HERE, BUT WE SUSPECT MOUDUD WILL ONLY BE WILLING  
TO CONSULT WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE U.S. MISSION,  
IF AT ALL. HE COULD BE USEFUL IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS.

F. JAMIRUDDIN SARKAR. ALSO A LAWYER FROM  
ONE OF THE INNS OF COURT, HE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SAME  
FIRM AS MOUDUD AHMAD. WE HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ON  
HIM HE RAN (AND LOST) IN BOTH THE 1970 PROVINCIAL  
ELECTION AND THE 1973 NATIONAL ELECTION FROM A SEAT  
IN DINAJPUR DISTRICT (HIS HOME) AS AN INDEPENDENT BUT  
IN 1973 REPORTEDLY WITH THE BACKING OF THE NATIONAL  
AWAMI PARTY (MUZAFFAR GROUP), A "PRO-MOSCOW" ORGANI-  
ZATION. HIS PRESENT POLITICAL ORIENTATION IS NOT KNOWN.

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5. THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE DACCA ON  
SEPTEMBER 16. WHEN PRECISE ARRIVAL TIME IS AVAILABLE  
IT WILL BE REPORTED TO USUN AND THE DEPARTMENT.  
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